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Subject: RE: Community Involvement in the SJRWP Remediation
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Got it, thanks

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From: Keep It Capped [mailto:keepitcapped@gmail.com]

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To: Walters, Donn ; Miller, Garyg

Subject: Community Involvement in the SJRWP Remediation

Mr. Miller and Mr. Walters,

We heard through our attorney that there was a concern about insufficient community engagement in support of the in-situ remediation remedy. And given all of the congressional activity in favor of extraction, it seems wise to send this summary of our input to date.

Attached, you'll find a list of all the people who've signed letters supporting the cap as a result of our volunteer efforts. There are over 900, and your office has been mailed the original copy of each of those. There are also letters of support published by community members in the Baytown Sun archived at these links:

<http://www.keepitcapped.org/#!/More-Letters-to-the-Editor/c17jj/577d2c420cf2226bda990773>
<http://www.keepitcapped.org/#!/New-Letters-to-the-Editor/c17jj/574f27d80cf276dcd0aee1bd>

We've mapped our supporters and letter signers and you can see their relative concentrations and geographic distributions.

There are an additional 300 supporters tied to our facebook page, and the Baytown Sun poll which at completion showed 40% support among Sun readers for the in place solution and a screen shot of that is attached.

In addition, you'll find the expert recommendation letter that we commissioned from Tim Barber at Environmental Resource Management, an accredited expert in sediment remediation that supports our position and argues from best engineering practices.

We've also published a white paper written by our members and volunteers, that you can find at http://media.wix.com/ugd/d7b74a_df2fbb1f903d4208912bf4446a07cccf.pdf

At the last open house in Highlands, several of our members spoke with one if not both of you. There were five of us in attendance and Jordan Murphy identified himself as a member of the group so that you'd know we were there.

We've generally avoided communicating through the press about our position for two reasons:
1. Because we believe, that at the end of the day, this should be an issue of technical satisfaction. We trust your guidelines and judgement in protecting human health and are

generally averse to antagonism. 2. Our members own businesses and property and are vulnerable to retaliation. We do business with industries regulated by the Port of Houston and who follow EPA guidelines. We have, what we believe to be, a reasonable fear of retaliation from Jackie Young and a public facing position could cause us harm to our reputations and livelihoods. In the event of the official public meeting, several of our members have agreed to speak and our attorney will deliver our final body of work for community involvement.

We understand that the letters and signatures of individuals that we've facilitated were in question because of our lack of transparency. The following people have spoken publicly in favor of our position:

Wayne Gray
Jordan Murphy

Mayra Cantu

Luis Lopez

Leonard Kelly
And of course, our attorney, Thomas Knickerbocker.

I hope this is all sufficient to register the community support for an in-situ response. If there's anything we can do to help make our case, please feel to reach out. We're happy to meet in person or over the phone.

Sincerely,

The San Jacinto Citizens Against Pollution